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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATY

FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT BY FRANK MOORE CONCERNING
REPORTED TRANSCRIPT OF APRIL 5 MEETING:

QUOTE: FIRST OF ALL, THE REPORTED TRANSCRIPT IS
INACCURATE. SUCH A MEETING DID OCCUR IN MY OFFICE ON
APRIL 5, 1978, AT WHICH THE PANAMANIAN DISCUSSED THE
GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN PANAMA AND I DISCUSSED
THE GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE SENATE.

I TOLD THEM AT THAT TIME THAT IN NO WAY WOULD AN
AMENDMENT UNDERCUTTING THE LEGALITY OF THE DECONCINI
AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE. I
MENTIONED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE SOME
LANGUAGE STATED ON THE SENATE FLOOR WHICH WOULD BE
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HELPFUL TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN PANAMA.

UPON BEING INFORMED THAT THE PANAMANIAN HAD A MEETING
SCHEDULED WITH SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON, I TOLD THEM THAT
I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN TERMS OF EXPRESSING
THEIR CONCERNS. I POINTED OUT TO THEM, HOWEVER, THAT

IN NO WAY SHOULD THEY BECOME INVOLVED IN PROPOSING
LANGUAGE FOR OUR AMENDMENTS.

THE REFERENCES IN THE "TRANSCRIPT" TO MR. WARREN
CHRISTOPHER ARE INACCURATE AS ARE THE REFERENCES TO
SENATOR ROBERT BYRD.

IT IS ACCURATE THAT I TOLD THE PANAMANIAN THAT
ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAD SPOKEN WITH SENATOR BYRD
AND THAT HE WAS NONCOMMITTAL. END QUOTE.
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